

Appln. No. 09/216,378
Amendment dated April 17, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed August 4, 2005

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

- 1 1. (Previously Presented) A personal computer comprising:
2 a built-in microphone for detecting ambient noise;
3 a noise cancellation module coupled to the microphone that generates
4 a noise cancellation signal responsive to the detected ambient noise; and
5 a digital signal processor for mixing the noise cancellation signal with
6 an audio signal provided from a desired source for provision to a standard
7 headphone compatible audio output connection to reduce headphone noise.
- 1 2. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1 and
2 further comprising an optical disc drive for providing the audio signal.
- 1 3. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1
2 wherein the noise cancellation module comprises a software program
3 running on a processor.
- 1 4. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1
2 wherein the microprocessor is the central processing unit for the computer
3 system.
- 1 5. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1
2 wherein the digital signal processor is located on a sound board.
6. (Cancelled)
- 1 7. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1
2 wherein the computer system is a mobile computer.

Appln. No. 09/216,378
Amendment dated April 17, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed August 4, 2005

1 8. (Previously Presented) A method of reducing ambient noise
2 normally heard by a user through headphones when listening to audio
3 provided via a mobile computer system, comprising:
4 detecting the ambient noise via a microphone built-in to the mobile
5 computer system;
6 generating a noise cancellation signal based on the detected ambient
7 noise; and
8 mixing the noise cancellation signal with the audio from the compact
9 disc,
10 wherein the mixed signal is applied to a standard headphone
11 compatible audio output connection to reduce the ambient noise in the
12 headphones.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 8 and further comprising
2 converting the detected ambient noise to an electrical signal.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein detecting the ambient
2 noise is performed using a built-in microphone within the mobile computer
3 system.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein generation of the
2 noise cancellation signal is done when the optical disc drive is active.

1 12. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein generation of the
2 noise cancellation signal is initiated manually via a software interface.

Appln. No. 09/216,378
Amendment dated April 17, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed August 4, 2005

1 13. (Previously Presented) A machine readable medium having
2 machine readable instructions stored thereon for causing a computer to
3 perform the steps comprising:
4 detecting environmental background noise via a microphone built-in to
5 the computer;
6 converting the detected environmental background noise into an
7 electrical signal;
8 generating a noise cancellation signal based on the electrical signal;
9 and
10 mixing the noise cancellation signal with an audio signal for provision
11 to a standard headphone compatible audio output connection to reduce
12 headphone noise.

1 14. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 13 wherein the
2 step of generating a noise cancellation signal is performed automatically
3 when the optical disc drive is active.

1 15. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 13 wherein the
2 step of generating a noise cancellation signal is activated through a
3 software interface.

Appln. No. 09/216,378
Amendment dated April 17, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed August 4, 2005

1 16. (Previously Presented) A personal computer comprising:
2 a housing;
3 a microprocessor mounted on the housing;
4 memory coupled to the microprocessor,
5 a storage device coupled to the microprocessor;
6 a microphone built into the housing for detecting noise ambient to the
7 housing;
8 a noise cancellation module coupled to the microphone that generates
9 a noise cancellation signal responsive to the detected ambient noise; and
10 a digital signal processor for mixing the noise cancellation signal with
11 an audio signal provided from a desired source for provision to a standard
12 headset compatible audio output connection to reduce headphone noise.

1 17. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 16 and
2 further comprising a display device integrated into the display device.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 17
2 wherein the personal computer comprises a mobile computer system having
3 a source of power.

1 19. (Original) The personal computer of claim 16 wherein the noise
2 cancellation module is part of the microprocessor.

1 20. (Original) The personal computer of claim 17 wherein the
2 personal computer comprises a mobile computer system and the noise
3 cancellation module is provided by the microprocessor.

1 21. (Original) The personal computer of claim 1 wherein the audio
2 source comprises a compact disc playing game or music sounds.

Appln. No. 09/216,378
Amendment dated April 17, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed August 4, 2005

1 22. (Original) The personal computer of claim 1 wherein the noise
2 cancellation signal is mixed with the audio signal to cancel ambient noise
3 such that the audio signal is audible through a speaker coupled to the audio
4 output connection.

1 23. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the audio from the
2 compact disc comprises music.

1 24. (Previously Presented) A mobile computer comprising:
2 a microphone integrated into the mobile computer for detecting
3 ambient noise;
4 a noise cancellation software module coupled to the microphone that
5 generates a noise cancellation signal responsive to the detected ambient
6 noise, and having a profile for compensating for keyboard key clicks
7 detected by the microphone; and
8 a digital signal processor for mixing the noise cancellation signal with
9 an audio signal provided from a desired source for provision to an audio
10 output connection for a standard headset.

1 25. (Previously Presented) The mobile computer of claim 24 wherein
2 the audio output connection comprises an analog output port.

1 26. (Previously Presented) The mobile computer of claim 25 and
2 further comprising a digital to analog converter coupled between the digital
3 signal processor and analog output port.

1 27. (Previously Presented) The mobile computer of claim 24 wherein
2 the noise cancellation signal is generated when a source of audio output is
3 activated.

28. (Cancelled)

Appln. No. 09/216,378
Amendment dated April 17, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed August 4, 2005

1 29. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1
2 wherein said noise cancellation module generates the noise cancellation
3 signal based on said ambient noise, said noise cancellation signal being
4 generated in a form suitable to reduce headphone noise in the standard set
5 of headphones connected via the audio output connection.

1 30. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 1
2 wherein said headphone noise comes from a same source as said ambient
3 noise.

1 31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said noise
2 cancellation signal is generated based on the detected ambient noise in a
3 format suitable to reduce headphone noise in the standard set of headphones
4 connected via the audio output connection.

1 32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said
2 headphone noise comes from a same source as said ambient noise.

1 33. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim
2 13 wherein said noise cancellation signal is generated based on the detected
3 ambient noise in a format suitable to reduce headphone noise in the standard
4 set of headphones connected via the audio output connection.

1 34. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim
2 13 wherein said headphone noise comes from a same source as said ambient
3 noise.

1 35. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 16
2 wherein said noise cancellation module generates the noise cancellation
3 signal based on said ambient noise, said noise cancellation signal being
4 generated in a format suitable to reduce headphone noise in the standard set
5 of headphones connected via the audio output connection.

Appln. No. 09/216,378
Amendment dated April 17, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed August 4, 2005

1 36. (Previously Presented) The personal computer of claim 16
2 wherein said headphone noise comes from a same source as said ambient
3 noise.

1 37. (Previously Presented) The mobile computer of claim 24 wherein
2 said noise cancellation module generates the noise cancellation signal based
3 on said ambient noise, said noise cancellation signal being generated in a
4 format suitable to reduce headphone noise in the standard set of headphones
5 connected via the audio output connection.

1 38. (Currently Amended) The mobile computer of claim 24 wherein
2 said headphone noise comes from a ~~some~~ same source as said ambient noise.